AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended)   A method, comprising:

determining a device context for a <u>specific</u> device associated with an identity, wherein said device context provides an availability status of said <u>specific</u> device;

determining an identity context for said identity, wherein said identity context provides an availability status of said identity;

determining an availability rule associated with said identity<u>;</u>

determining a true availability of said identity based, at least in part, on said device context <u>for said specific device</u>, said identity context, and said availability rule; and

providing data indicative of said true availability of said identity.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving a request for information regarding true availability of said identity.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said determining said true availability of said identity includes determining availability of said identity via at least two different media channels.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising establishing said availability rule.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said providing data indicative of said true availability of said identity includes displaying an interface indicative of said availability.

6. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 5, wherein said interface identifies said identity.

7. (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 1, further comprising determining said identity.

8 - 14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended)   An article of manufacture comprising:

a computer readable medium having stored thereon instructions which, when executed by a processor, cause said processor to:

determine a device context for a _specific_ device associated with an identity, wherein the device context provides an availability status of the _specific_ device;

determine an identity context for said identity, wherein the identity context provides an availability status of the identity;

determine an availability rule associated with an identity;

determine a true availability of said identity based, at least in part, on said device context _for said specific device_, said identity context, and said availability rule; and

provide data indicative of said true availability of said identity.

16. (Currently Amended)   A system, comprising:

a processor;

a communication port coupled to said processor and adapted to communicate with at least one device; and

a storage device coupled to said processor and storing instructions adapted to be executed by said processor to:

determine a device context for a _specific_ device associated with an identity, wherein the device context provides an availability status of the _specific_ device;

determine an identity context for said identity, wherein the identity context provides an availability status of the identity;

determine an availability rule associated with said identity;

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determine an availability of said identity based, at least in part, on said device context <u>for said specific device</u>, said identity context, and said availability rule; and provide data indicative of said availability of said identity.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said identity is associated with a plurality of devices.

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